Raider Review

by Jane Guill

Sometimes too much emphasis is placed on the negative aspects of student behavior and what goes on at school. We are all sometimes guilty of being too pessimistic and not optimistic enough.

Lately, Appomattox County High School has had a lot to be proud of. The varsity basketball team finished the season, ranking fourth in the Seminole District. This is a great improvement, as they finished eighth last year. The junior varsity team has a commendable season. They finished the season, ranking number one in the Seminole District. Congratulations to both teams, to Coaches, Coty Dickerson, John Hudson, and John Pettyjohn, and to the three seniors who played their last game for ACHS, Ron Carter, Kim Humbles, and Richard Guill.

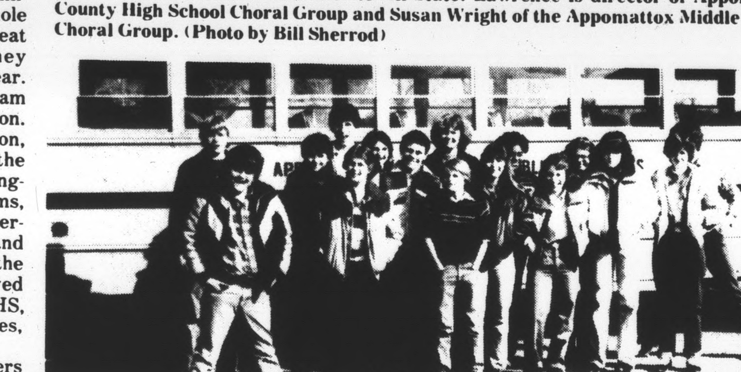
Former Staff members of the **Raider Report**, have something to really be proud of. The 1980-81 publications of the **Raider Report** received a "trophy class" rating from the Virginia High School League. The newspapers were submitted for judging last spring, and the award was presented at a journalism workshop at the University of Virginia.

The Foreign Language Festival competiton at Ferrum College had three winners from ACHS. The competition is between various schools, in which they may compete in six areas, in three languages, Spanish, French and Latin. Winners from ACHS include Buddy Allen, who captured first place in the Spanish Song competition. Carrel Almond won first place in the Latin costume competition, and Sally Coleman, Elizabeth Saunders, and Gina McCormick won first place in Latin dance competition.

A great many Distibutive Education students competed in DE related contests yesterday and today at River Ridge Mall. Teresa Bass, a junior at ACHS will be competing against students from nine schools for the title of DE Student of the Year. Teresa has been very active in both DE classes and DECA. She is presently first vice-president in her DECA chapter. The student of the year competition involves filling a manual with all the DE activities, non DE activities, scholastic records, and awards the student has taken part in or received during the past year. Teresa will also have to be interviewed. The competition will be held at Heritage High School. DE opens me up and lets me be me, said Teresa, "I can make mistakes and I get help on how to correct them, instead of getting fussed at for making them." Twenty-six other students will be competing in the DE contests also. The results will be printed in the next week's Raider Review.

Something good is always happening at ACHS, but sometimes we neglect to see it because we're too busy looking for the bad.

MEMBERS OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY High School Choral Group (upper photo) and the Appomattox Middle School Choral Group (lower photo) are shown as they leave for Lloyd C. Bird High School in Richmond to participate in All Regional Chorus. Lori Wooten is alternate to All State. Lawrence is director of Appomattox County High School Choral Group and Susan Wright of the Appomattox Middle School Choral Group. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)



Julia Hesson wins scholarship

An Appomattox High School graduate has been awarded an R. J. Reynolds Industries Research Fellowship.

Julia Hesson, of Gladstone, candidate for the Ph. D. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, is the recipient of the Fellowship.

She will study in Scotland and England where she will use the repositories of the University of Edinburgh, Cambridge University, Oxford University and the University of London. The topic of her dissertation is "The Southern American Student in Britain, 1720-1789.

Miss Hesson earned the B.A. degree, Magna cum laude, from Randolph-Macon Woman's College where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

The M.A. degree was awarded at U.N.C. Her teaching and archival experiences include a teaching assistantship in the U.N.C. history department and a student assistantship in the Wilso Library, U.N.C.

School schedules are revised by board

At the regular school board meeting on Wednesday, February 10, the following revised calendar for the school division for 1981-82 was approved by the school board:

Regular school day - March 5 (originally scheduled as teacher work day)
Work day for teachers - March 6 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon)
Regular school day - May 31 (originally scheduled as holiday)
Regular school days - June 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12
Graduation - Friday night, June 11
Last day of school - June 12 (close at 11:00 a.m.)
Easter Holidays - No change at this time.

If other regular school days are missed because of inclement weather it will be necessary to schedule make-up days on Saturdays.

FFA holds meeting

The Appomattox Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has held its meeting for the month of February.

Devotions were given by Ben Martin, the chapter chaplain, and the meeting was opened with Robert Coleman presiding. The opening ceremony was held, and the minutes were dispensed with.

Reports from the offices of treasurer and reporter were given, and then reports were heard from committees. The SOEP committee reported that the record book contest had been postponed until next month. The cooperation committee told of the annual seed selling project, which provides seed to members and their families at low cost. The leadership committee stated that public speaking and tractor driving contests would be coming up soon. The recreation committee was heard from about the FFA skating party, and the public relations committee gave a report on chapter activities for National FFA Week.

The main part of the meeting came with the Chapter Farmer Installation ceremony. Over 50 members received their Chapter Farmer Degrees, the highest degree the chapter can bestow.

The meeting also had a slide program about the 1982 Virginia Farm Management Tour, which will be held this year in Appomattox County on July 17.

There being no further business, the closing ceremony was held and the meeting was adjourned.

Canaan Baptist

A church business meeting will be held at Canaan Baptist Church March 9 at 8 p.m. All church members are asked to be present at this meeting.

Worship service will be held the second Sunday of the month, March 14, at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. C. L. Elliott will be the pastor in charge. The Canaan Echoes will provide music, and communion will be observed.

The Young Adult Choir will celebrate their anniversary the fourth Sunday, March 28, at 3 p.m. Mr. Raymond Lee will be in charge of the service.

Two honored

Carroll D. Kanipe and Cheryl E. Walton, both of Appomattox, have made the Dean's List at Virginia Tech for the fall quarter, according to a release from the university.

Carroll is a freshman studying computer science, and Cheryl is a freshman studying human nutrition and foods.

To make the Dean's List at VPI, a student must earn a 3.4 average or better in the university's 4.0 grading system.

Hash departs

Navy Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice James W. Hash Jr., son of Jean M. and James W. Hash Sr. of Route 1, Box 319, Appomatox, Va., recently departed on an extensive deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian Ocean.

He is a crewmember aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

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